FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Security for the Protection of the Public Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation; Notice of Issuance of Certificate (Performance)

Notice is hereby given that the following have been issued a Certificate of Financial Responsibility for Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of Section 3, Pub. L. 89–777 (46 U.S.C. 817(e)) and the Federal Maritime Commission's implementing regulations at 46 CFR Part 540, as amended:

Compagnie des Iles du Ponant (d/b/a Classical Cruises), 60 Boulevard du Marechal Juin, 44100 Nantes, France, Vessel: LE LEVANT

Cunard Line Limited (d/b/a Seabourn Cruise Line), 55 Francisco Street, Suite 710, San Francisco, CA 94133, Vessels: SEABOURN LEGEND, SEABOURN PRIDE and SEABOURN SPIRIT

Holland America Line-Westours Inc. (d/b/a Holland America Line) and Holland America Line N.V., 300 Elliott Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119, Vessels: VOLENDAM and ZAANDAM

Cunard Line Limited (d/b/a Cunard), 6100 Blue Lagoon Drive, Suite 400, Miami, FL, 33126, Vessels: QUEEN ELIZABETH 2, ROYAL VIKING SUN, SEA GODDESS I, SEA GODDESS II and VISTAFJORD

Peter Deilmann Reederei GmbH & Co., and Schiffahrtsgesellschaft MS "DEUTSCHLAND" GmbH & Co., Am Hafensteig 17–19, D–23730 Neustadt in Holstein, Germany, Vessel: DEUTSCHLAND

Premier Cruises Ltd., Ulysses Cruises, Inc. (d/b/a Premier Cruises), and Premier Operations Ltd., 901 South America Way, Pier 7, Miami, FL 33132–2073, Vessel: ISLANDBREEZE

Premier Cruises Ltd., Ulysses Cruises, Inc. (d/b/a Premier Cruises), Seabreeze Ltd Inc. and Premier Operations Ltd., 901 South America Way, Pier 7, Miami, FL 33132–2073, Vessel: SEABREEZE I

Radisson Seven Seas Cruises, Inc., 600 Corporate Drive, Suite 410, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334, Vessel: SEVEN SEAS NAVIGATOR

Premier Cruises Ltd., Ulysses Cruises, Inc. (d/b/a Premier Cruises), Premier Cruises Lines, Ltd. and Premier Operations Ltd., 901 South America Way, Pier 7, Miami, FL 33132–2073, Vessel: OCEANIC

Princess Cruises, Inc., Princess Cruise Lines, Inc. and The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 1800, Los Angeles, CA 90067, Vessel: SEA PRINCESS

Silversea Cruises, Ltd. and Silver Cloud Shipping Company S.A., 110 East Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, Vessel: SILVER CLOUD and SILVER WIND

Dated: January 19, 1999.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Certified Transportation Group, 195 Oval Drive, Islandia, NY 11722, Officers: William McNamara, President, Joseph McNamara, Vice President

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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Safcomar, Inc., One Exchange Place, Suite 402, Jersey City, NJ 07302, Officers: Hugo Roppel, President, Christian Pochon, Vice President Conex Global Logistics Services, Inc., 550 S. Alameda Street, Compton, CA 90221, Officers: Michael W. Keller, President, Shigehiro Uchida, Exec. Vice President

FTS International, Inc., 145–38A 157th Street, Jamaica, NY 11413, Officer: Shlomo Greenberg, President Dated: January 15, 1999.

Bryant L. VanBrakle

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 99-01]

Direct Container Line Inc. Possible Violations of Sections 10(a)(1) and 10(b)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984

Order of Investigation and Hearing

Respondent Direct Container Line Inc. ("DCL") is a tariffed and bonded nonvessel-operating common carrier ("NVOCC") based in Carson, California. DCL holds out to furnish transportation services worldwide, including NVOCC services, *inter alia*, from ports and points in the United States to the Far East. According to DCL's webpage, DCL operates 13 offices and 25 receiving terminals in the United States and Canada, with branches or subsidiaries in 86 countries worldwide. DCL claims to have over 500 employees, with over 350 based in the United States.

Through interviews and on-site examination of shipping records maintained in DCL's offices in Carson, CA and Carteret, NJ, an investigation was commenced into the possible involvement of DCL in equipment substitution malpractices involving OOCL and Maersk Line on consolidated shipments to the Far East. In all, records were reviewed of nearly one hundred shipments in which provisions of the Transpacific Westbound Rate Agreement ("TWRA") equipment substitution rules were invoked for the purpose of providing DCL with 45' containers while charging DCL those service contract rates applicable to 40' equipment.

In practice, it appears that DCL met the requirements of TWRA's equipment substitution rules by misdeclaring the cargo measurements at 65 CBM or less, equivalent to the ordinary capacity utilization of a 40 foot high cube container under TWRA rules. It further appears that cargo weights also were misdeclared on the master bill of lading so as to understate the actual weights to a figure less than 21 metric tons (21,000KG), the maximum weight